

State News.

Mr. F. R. Royall, of Flea Hill Township, Cumberland County, was killed Friday by a falling tree at the saw-mill of D. F. Blue.

Work will begin about May 15th on an electric railway to be built from Asheville to Charlotte, via Gastonia, Shelby and Rutherfordton.

Durham reports another death due to pellagra. Mrs. Alice Blalock, wife of Mr. Chas. N. Blalock, died Thursday night after a long suffering with the dread disease.

The sheriff of Cleveland County destroyed two blockade distilleries in that county last week. Lee Kiser, a noted blockader, was arrested during one of the raids.

Fayetteville Democrats have drawn the color line in their municipal primary. The Democratic committee has given notice that only white Democrats will be allowed to participate in the primary.

HITS THE SCHOOL TAX.

Legislature Did Not Maintain Constitutional Equation by Omitting Increase on the Polls—Claimed Schools Will Lose \$400,000.

Greensboro, April 5.—After listening to argument of counsel, Judge F. A. Daniels to-night sustained the defendant's demurrer in the case of W. W. Kitchin, Governor, vs. W. P. Wood, Auditor, and thus held an unconstitutional the increased ad valorem tax of 2 cents for school purposes in the State for the reason that through inadvertence the Legislature failed to maintain the constitutional equation, as between the ad valorem and poll tax. The case will at once be carried to the Supreme Court of the State and an effort will be made to get an early opinion.

The importance of the case can be appreciated when the fact is stated that, if Judge Daniels' decision is sustained by the Supreme Court, the State school fund will suffer a loss of probably \$400,000, this being a special appropriation for two years made by the recent session of the General Assembly when it increased the tax rate 2 cents on the \$100 valuation for school purposes. It was no doubt the purpose of the Legislature to increase the poll tax 6 cents, but in some way this was omitted in the machinery act, and, if a former decision of the Supreme Court is followed, this will invalidate the levy, and the amounts filed in the machinery act of 1909 will still obtain. The State constitution requires that in levying State and county taxes the poll tax shall be three times the tax on \$100 of property.

The case came on for a hearing before Judge Daniels upon proceedings instituted by the Governor against the Auditor for mandamus to compel the Auditor to call on the counties to levy for State purposes a tax of 45 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$1.35 on the poll. The old rate is 43 cents ad valorem and \$1.29 poll tax, and, if the section in the new act is unconstitutional, the old rate must prevail and the State lose the 2 cents on the \$100 and 6 cents on the poll. The case was argued on behalf of Governor Kitchin by Assistant Attorney General G. L. Jones and Mr. B. P. Dixon appeared for Auditor Wood.

A case very similar to this went before the Supreme Court in 1897, instituted by Governor Russell against Auditor Hal. W. Ayer. In that case the Supreme Court held the increased rate unconstitutional for the reason that the constitutional equation between poll and ad valorem tax had not been maintained. Following this decision, Judge Daniels said he felt impelled to sustain the demurrer filed by the defendant to the Governor's complaint. In the original case, Chief Justice Clark and Justice Douglas filed strong dissenting opinions and the plaintiffs think perhaps they can have the opinion in Russell vs. Ayer reversed.

TWO KILLINGS IN ROBESON.

Jim Byrd Shoots Willie Smith at a Cotton Mill—Two Negroes Kill a Third Negro Near Farm.

Lumberton, N. C., April 7.—Robeson County was the scene of two murders to-day. Jim Byrd shot and instantly kill Willie Smith, Jr. here at Lumberton cotton mill. Byrd had been drinking and there had been bad blood between the two. Smith was scuffling with Warren West and Byrd shot Smith from behind. Byrd and West are in jail. All parties are whites.

Two negroes, Lenn Morning and Frank Bell, killed Alfred Creek, also colored, near Fairmont this morning. Both were caught and are now in jail here.

Randolph County Boy Accidentally Killed by Brother.

Asheboro, N. C., April 7.—Earl Hoover, the thirteen-year-old son of Briles Hoover, living seven miles from Asheboro, was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon by his brother, Hal Hoover. The boys were on their father's farm hunting and a shot-gun in the hands of Hal Hoover was accidentally discharged, resulting in a serious wound on Earl Hoover, from which he died in about an hour.

EXCITEMENT AT SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

Drunk Negroes Shoot Up Military at a School Entertainment in Wilson County.

Wilson, April 8.—The whole of the negro population of the Rosebud section, in Tolson township, was up before 'Squire Elias G. Barnes as witnesses against Charles Harris and others on the serious charge of disturbing and breaking up a negro school commencement.

Last Saturday night the teacher of the Rosebud school had prepared an elaborate program to show the progress she had made with the "young ideas." The entertainment had not more than started when the bunch named entered the building and began to use language such as should not be spoken before children. The teacher requested one of the committeemen to ask the toughs to desist. They went out of doors where one of them exclaimed, "I am Lewis West!" and began to shoot at such a rate that the entertainment was broken up. The teacher fainted dead away, while the bullets flew fast and furious, nipping off foliage from several cotton-basket hats and striking the heel of the shoe of a girl.

It is the opinion of some of the better class of the colored people who were at the trial that some one was dispensing whiskey in the neighborhood.

Charles Harris was not present at the preliminary hearing, but a warrant was issued for his arrest. The other four were bound over in bonds of \$25 each for their appearance at May term of Wilson Superior Court. A warrant was also taken out against John Knight, one of the disturbers, for carrying concealed weapons, and a bond of \$25 more was required for his appearance.

MURPHY SENTENCED TO DEATH CHAIR.

Killed John Simmons in Yancey County Because Simmons Refused Him a Drink.

Greensboro, N. C., April 7.—News from Yancey County to-day is to the effect that Charles Murphy, who killed John Simmons, in December, because he refused to give him a drink of liquor, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Judge Lane set June 20th as the date for electrocution. Counsel for the defense gave notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

President of Cornell Says That Negro Women Students Must Be Admitted.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 10.—President Jacob G. Shurman, of Cornell University, to-day brought to an end the controversy which has been in progress for a few weeks over admitting negro women students to Sage College dormitory. In a statement issued to Mrs. G. S. Martin of the women's advisory council, he says that all negro women students are to be admitted to the privileges of the women's dormitories if they request admission.

District Attorney Holton's Son Receives Another Serious Injury.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 10.—John Holton, the thirteen-year-old son of District Attorney Holton, is in the Twin City Hospital with a crushed skull, the result of being hit with a rock by a negro boy this afternoon, and his condition is regarded as very serious. Young Holton was in a wagon with another boy, Austin Newsum, who had for some time been worrying the negro, and to-day the negro threw at him, hitting Holton instead. Young Holton, in October, 1909, was accidentally shot by his brother, Frank, the wound being so serious that his leg was amputated, and for a while his life was despaired of. Dr. John Byrum telephoned the District Attorney, who is in Charlotte, and he will return to Winston-Salem to-morrow.

Mr. J. W. Bridges Killed by Freight Train Near Benson.

Benson, N. C., April 7.—Extra through freight No. 939, from Rocky Mount to Florence, ran over J. W. Bridges, the flagman, on the south pass track here this morning, crushing both legs off near the thigh and the left one below the knee. Later this evening he died.

Bridges was uncoupling a car on which the chain extending from the lever to the coupling was broken. He slipped and fell between the moving cars, one of which passed over his legs. He was taken on a special train to the hospital at Fayetteville, where his limbs were amputated.

Bridges, who was a flagman, lived in Rocky Mount and had a wife and one child.

Mount Airy Physician Dies Suddenly.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 11.—Dr. J. M. Hollingsworth, one of Mt. Airy's leading physicians was found dead in his stable early this morning. He had just returned from a professional visit and was putting his two horses in their stalls when the summons came.

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General News.

Revenue officers killed a blockader in a "moonshine" raid near Sparta, Tenn., Monday.

Three hundred goats were kill by a hail storm on a ranch in Southwest Texas a few days ago.

More than six thousand gallstones were removed by an operation from a patient in a hospital in Richmond, Va., a few days ago.

J. E. Shuffeberger, a prominent manufacturer of Christianburg, Va., committed suicide Friday by shooting himself in the head.

Twenty lives were lost when the steamer Iroquois foundered off Coal Island, near Victoria, B. C., Monday morning. Five bodies have been recovered.

Mr. Craig Lippincott, President of the J. B. Lippincott Company, large publishers of Philadelphia, committed suicide Thursday, by shooting himself through the temple.

Seven men have been arrested in New Orleans charged with election frauds in the election of a member of the Supreme Court. Each offender was required to give bond in the sum of \$1,500.

Contract for the construction of the Duncan Cotton Mills, the \$1,000,000 enterprise for the manufacture of fine grades of cotton cloth of Greenville, S. C., has been awarded the contract. The contract calls for the completion of the mill by October 15th.

A. L. Gaudin, a young white man and married, was electrocuted in Danville, Va., by grasping the metal arm on an electric light pole. The ground where he stood was wet and in some way the insulation had become defective, with the result that a deadly current was sent through Gaudin's body.

UNWRITTEN LAW SAVES WOMAN

Mrs. T. M. Brooks, Who Shot Down Her Husband's Paramour is Freed by a Texas Jury.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 7.—Mrs. T. M. Brooks, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Binford, whom she accused of stealing her husband's love, was acquitted by a jury to-day. The verdict for "not guilty" was voted on the first ballot.

"Thank God," fervently cried Mrs. Brooks as she stood with tears streaming from her eyes while the foreman of the jury read the verdict. Mrs. Brooks was acquitted upon the unwritten law. It was brought out at the trial that Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Binford had been intimate for four years. One witness testified that Mrs. Brooks resorted to prayer in an attempt to win back her husband's love, praying every day to restore his affections and turn Mrs. Binford into a better woman.

The summing up of the defense last night was probably the strongest plea to a jury ever made in Texas if not the United States. As he neared the close of his argument Mrs. Brooks' counsel suddenly started to sing, "Home, Sweet, Home." The women spectators joined hysterically in the song which was led by the lawyer.

FIFTY MINERS DOOMED.

Fire Near Mouth of Mine Shut Off Men From All Possible Escape—Smoked to Death.

Scranton, Pa., April 7.—Trapped like rats in a trap 750 feet below the surface, between forty and fifty miners were suffocated in the Pancoast mine at Throop, near this city, to-day.

Owing to the dense smoke and deadly gases the rescuers were unable to recover the bodies of the victims, which were piled three and four feet high, indicating that the men had fallen over each other in their frenzied flight from the smoke and gas.

The cause of the disaster was a fire which broke out in the engine house at the foot of the mine shaft shortly after noon. As the smoke drifted further back to the lower levels the men are believed to have been driven back to the end of the workings by it.

Officials of the mine to-night expressed the hope that perhaps a few of those who were entombed had succeeded in working their way to an unused shaft to which the fire could not penetrate, but from the number of bodies in sight, it is evident that few of those unaccounted for have escaped if any.

West Virginia Man Asked to be Placed in Asylum.

Huntington, W. Va., April 8.—With the commitment of Andy Killcoyne to the State Asylum for the Insane, a strange instance of the working of the human mind has been brought to notice.

Killcoyne went to Dr. L. V. Guthrie, in charge of the asylum, and said he was afraid he was going insane.

Examination proved his fears had some foundation, as paresis had set in. Killcoyne was advised to seek Magistrate A. L. Gregory, who committed him with due formality.

MEXICANS TO HOLD ELECTION.

Seriousness of Situation Has at Last Been Recognized—Government Guarantees Fair Election.

Douglas, Ariz., April 11.—A dispatch from Hermosilla, capital of Sonora, Mexico, says General Lorenzo Torres, of Lorin, commanding the Federal troops on the Yaqui River has withdrawn his candidacy for Governor and that at the instance of the Federal Government, a genuine popular election is to be held April 23rd. The reform movement is the direct result of conditions brought about by the spread of the rebel movement in the State.

It is interpreted by many as a recognition by the Federal Government of the seriousness of the rising and the necessity of complying at least in a measure with the demands of the populace. According to the Hermosilla advices, mass meetings named as the popular candidate for Governor, Alexander Lacy, a member of an old family which has been neutral throughout the present difficulty. Licenciada Taide Lopez del Castillo, a lawyer of Sonora, was named for Vice-Governor. Castillo has not been identified with administration measures. The Government will open the polls on April 23rd and will send out instructions as to how to vote and guarantee a free ballot. This will be the first open election in the State of Sonora since President Diaz's first inauguration. Following an uprising which occurred at that time, a military governor was appointed and he has been maintained in office ever since, the so-called elections being merely equivalent to re-appointments.

According to the usual custom, General Torres was officially nominated for Governor and Dr. Fernando Aguilar for Vice-Governor, two months ago. They were named without opposition, and the people had no choice in their selection. Dr. Aguilar's withdrawal as a candidate accompanied that of General Torres.

Democrats Holler When a Movement is Made to Curtail Their Pie.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—An unsuccessful attempt to lop \$30,000 from the annual patronage of the house was made by Representative Clark (Democrat, of Florida). After a short but vigorous discussion Champ Clark ruled Clark's resolution out of order.

Clark presented a resolution abolishing about twenty-five jobs as committee clerks and stenographers.

The Democratic leaders were somewhat excited about Clark's scheme, and they heaved a sigh of relief when the Speaker ruled the resolution out of order.

Insurrection Leader Loses His Soldiers.

Dougllass, Ariz., April 4.—Riding night and day through the northern foothills of the Sierra Madera mountains just over the line "Red" Lopez, outlaw soldier and leader of the insurrectos, is trying to find his lost command which mysteriously disappeared while he was enjoying an automobile ride in this town. Lopez came to this place Sunday and was riding through the streets in a rented automobile accompanied by several of his officers when a friend informed him that the United States marshal was looking for him. Jumping from the car the insurrecto commanded a mule which was tethered in front of a hotel and galloped away, leaving his fellow officers behind.

When he arrived across the line he discovered that all his soldiers, nearly 300 in number, had struck their tents in the absence of their commander and marched away.

Crazy Man With Pistol Does Damage.

Roanoke, Va., April 7.—While in a fit of temporary insanity, C. L. Blackmore, local agent for a typewriter concern, fired three shots at Jefferson Green, a promoter, of Richmond, Va. Two of the bullets struck Green and one went wild. The shooting occurred in the corridor of the hotel where the men were stopping. Blackmore was under treatment for the drug habit. He rushed out of his room and ment Green, who is interested in the concern which was treating Blackmore. He used vile epithets and then opened fire on Green. Following the shooting, Blackmore became more violent and was placed in charge of a physician. Green's wound are not serious.

Danish Government Investigating the Working of Woman Suffrage in Denmark.

Denver, Colo., April 7.—Count Carl Moltke, Danish Minister to the United States, is in Denver to investigate the working of woman suffrage in this State for his Government, which is considering the granting of full suffrage to women, including the right to be represented in Parliament by their own sex.

Women in Denmark already have the right to vote at municipal elections.

Woman Gives Birth to Ten Children in Seven Years.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 7.—At Pennbrook, Ritchie County, yesterday Mrs. Ben Marriott gave birth to her fifth pair of twins. Six of the children are living. They were all born within the last seven years.

Farm Topics

The farmers near Houston, Texas, think they have discovered a worm that may aid them in putting the boll weevil out of business. The following press dispatch was sent out from Houston a few days ago:

"A new species of cotton insect has been discovered in cotton fields in the vicinity of Berclair, near Houston, which is causing the entomologist department of the State mixed concern and pleasure. Although the mission of the new insect has not been definitely determined, experts declare it is the latest enemy to the dreaded boll weevil against which an united campaign will be made throughout the cotton States this season.

"The new cotton insect is described as 'long double worm that hops.' Investigation has been made in other fields widely separated from the Berclair plantations, but no traces of the worm can be found. From the time of its discovery near Berclair it has thrived rapidly and appears to outgrow the weevil.

"Some of the State Entomologists are uncertain as to the friendliness of the worm, which they brand a new pest. Recent investigations, however, have shown the worms destroy the larvae of the boll weevil, although they do not attack the insects themselves. In this event weevils propagated in the warm weather of the spring months will thrive this year, but if the deductions of the State experts are correct, the destruction of the weevil will begin with the laying of the larvae."

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Lincoln Shot on Good Friday.

From the Alexandria (Va.) Gazette.] Good Friday this year falls on April 14th. It was on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, that President Lincoln was shot, and this is the first time in many years the coincidence of dates has occurred.

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Doctors Said Health Gone

Suffered with Throat Trouble

Mr. B. W. D. Barnes, ex - Sheriff of Warren County, Tennessee, in a letter from McMinnville, Tennessee, writes: "I had throat trouble and had three doctors treating me. All failed to do me any good, and pronounced my health gone. I concluded to try Peruna, and after using four bottles can say I was entirely cured." Unable to Work.



Mr. B. W. D. Barnes.

Mr. Gustav Himmelreich, Hochheim, Texas, writes:

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